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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER IN WC
DOCKET NOS. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC DOCKET NOS. 01-92, 96-45, GN
DOCKET NO. 09-51, WT DOCKET NO. 10-208, BEFORE THE FEDERAL
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with the annual reporting requirements of 47 C.F.R. §54.313 Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. dba Nex-Tech (the Company) will submit a completed FCC Form 481 to the Commission via its Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). Section 3005 of the Form 481 requires a privately-held rate of return carrier receiving high cost support to attach financial information pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(2). The Company maintains that the financial information is confidential and will submit through ECFS a redacted document as an attachment for section 3005 of the FCC Form 481 in WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 11-42.

Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. dba Nex-Tech hereby submits confidential information pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54-313(f)(2), under seal, subject to the Protective Order adopted November 16, 2012 in the above named dockets.¹ The Company is providing to the Office of the Secretary an original hard copy of the cover letter and one copy of the confidential information.

Two copies of this cover letter and confidential information are also being delivered to Mr. Charles Tyler, Telecommunication Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, in accordance with the Protective Order.

The confidential information has also been submitted to the Universal Service Administrative Company through its E-File system as an attachment to the FCC Form 481.

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Each page of the submission which includes confidential information bears the legend, "CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER IN WC DOCKET NOS. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC DOCKET NOS. 01-92, 96-45, GN DOCKET NO. 09-51, WT DOCKET NO. 10-208, BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION"

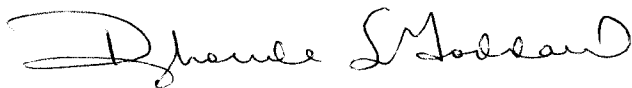
In addition to the above-referenced Protective Order, the confidential information is also protected from disclosure to the public pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 0.457 and 0.459. The confidential information is competitively sensitive information and should not be available for public inspection. The confidential information includes financial information. Release of this confidential information would have a substantial negative competitive impact on the Company. Therefore, the confidential information submitted is appropriate for non-disclosure under sections 0.457(d) and 0.459. Justification for the confidential treatment of this information is provided in the Appendix to this letter, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 0.459(b).

Two copies of the redacted confidential information and cover letter are also being filed simultaneously with the non-redacted confidential information, in accordance with the Protective Order. The redacted version of the cover letter for this filing and each page of the file where confidential information has been omitted is marked "REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION."

This cover letter includes no confidential information and the text is the same in both the non-redacted and redacted versions except for the confidentiality markings.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Rhonda S. Goddard
Chief Operating Officer
Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. dba Nex-Tech

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APPENDIX

Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. dba Nex-Tech (the Company) requests confidential treatment of certain information submitted with its 2013 annual reporting requirements as a privately-held rate of return carrier and high-cost recipient in Docket No. 10-90. The information is required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(2) and includes detailed financial information, line/loop counts and subscriber counts that is competitively sensitive. Disclosure of this confidential information would have a substantial negative impact on the Company. Such information would not normally be made available to the public and should be afforded confidential treatment under both 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457 and 0.459. In addition, the confidential information is protected from disclosure under the November 16, 2012 Protective Order in the above referenced docket.

47 C.F.R. § 0.457

Specific information in this filing related to the Company's financial data and loop/subscriber counts is confidential and proprietary as "commercial or financial information" under section 0.457(d). Disclosure of this information to the public would risk revealing company-sensitive proprietary information and have a harmful competitive effect on the Company's operations. Therefore, this information should be considered "Records not routinely available for public inspection."

47 C.F.R. § 0.459

Specific information related to financial data, loop/subscriber counts and route mile data is also subject to protection under 47 C.F.R. § 0.459 as demonstrated below:

Identification of the specific information for which confidential treatment is sought

The Company requests that all financial data, loop/subscriber counts and route mile data be treated on a confidential basis under Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act. The Company maintains this information is confidential, competitively sensitive data not normally made available to the public. Release of this information would have a substantial negative competitive impact on the Company. The non-redacted version of the cover letter for the Company's submission and each page of the file containing confidential information is marked, "CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER IN WC DOCKET NOS. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC DOCKET NOS. 01-92, 96-45, GN DOCKET NO. 09-51, WT DOCKET NO. 10-208, BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION."

Identification of the Commission proceeding in which the information was submitted

The information is being submitted in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54-313(f)(2) and is to be filed in WC Docket No. 10-90. Privately held rate of return carriers that receive high-cost support must complete the FCC Form 481 to include a full and complete annual report of the company's financial condition and operations as of the end of the preceding fiscal year (sections of which the Company is requesting be afforded confidential treatment).

Explanation of the degree to which the information is commercial or financial, or contains a trade secret or is privileged

The information designated as confidential is detailed financial information including a balance sheet, income statement, cash flow statement, and operating reports that include access line and subscriber counts and route mile data that is competitively sensitive information not normally released to the public. Access line and subscriber counts and route mile data, although contained in the financial report is also confidential commercial information. Release of any of this commercial or financial information would have a substantial negative competitive impact on the Company.

Explanation of the degree to which the information concerns a service that is subject to competition and how disclosure of the information could result in substantial competitive harm

This type of commercial and financial information is generally not subject to routine public inspection under the Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. § 0.457(d)), demonstrating that the Commission already anticipates that the release of this type of information likely would produce competitive harm. Release of the information designated as confidential would allow competitors to become aware of sensitive proprietary information regarding the operation of the Company's business and would cause the Company substantial competitive harm.

Identification of measures taken by the Company to prevent unauthorized disclosure: availability of the information to the public and extent of any previous disclosure of the information to third parties

The Company treats and has treated the non-public information included in this submission as confidential and has protected it from disclosure to parties outside the Company. Any financial information required to be submitted to a state regulatory authority has been filed as confidential information, not available to the public, in accordance with state rules and/or statutes.

Justification of the period during which the Company asserts that material should not be available for public disclosure

The Company cannot determine any date on which this information should not be considered confidential.

Other information the Company believes may be useful in assessing whether its request for confidentiality be granted

Under applicable Commission rules and court rulings, the information designated by the Company as confidential should be withheld from public disclosure. Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act protects information that is commercial or financial in nature; obtained from a person outside government; and privileged or confidential. The information in question satisfies this test.

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According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0572-0031. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

USDA-RUS OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS		This data will be used by RUS to review your financial situation. Your response is required by 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq. and, subject to federal laws and regulations regarding confidential information, will be treated as confidential. BORROWER NAME Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. (Prepared with Audited Data)	
INSTRUCTIONS-Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period. For detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only.		PERIOD ENDING December, 2012	BORROWER DESIGNATION KS0537

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CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.
ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY 7 CFR PART 1788, CHAPTER XVII, RUS, WAS IN FORCE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND RENEWALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR ALL POLICIES.

DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 1788 OF 7CFR CHAPTER XVII
 (Check one of the following)

☒ All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all material respects.

☐ There has been a default in the fulfillment of the obligations under the RUS loan documents. Said default(s) is/are specifically described in the Telecom Operating Report

Larry Sevier

3/28/2013

DATE

PART A. BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
CURRENT ASSETS			CURRENT LIABILITIES		
1. Cash and Equivalents			25. Accounts Payable		
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund			26. Notes Payable		
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			28. Customer Deposits		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			29. Current Mat. L/T Debt		
c. Notes Receivable			30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.		
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			32. Income Taxes Accrued		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			33. Other Taxes Accrued		
c. Notes Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities		
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)		
6. Material-Regulated			LONG-TERM DEBT		
7. Material-Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes		
8. Prepayments			37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes		
9. Other Current Assets			38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes		
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)			39. Funded Debt-Other		
NONCURRENT ASSETS			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan		
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt		
a. Rural Development			42. Reacquired Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease		
12. Other Investments			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
a. Rural Development			45. Other Long-Term Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)		
13. Nonregulated Investments			OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS		
14. Other Noncurrent Assets			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities		
15. Deferred Charges			48. Other Deferred Credits		
16. Jurisdictional Differences			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences		
17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)			50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)		
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT			EQUITY		
18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service			51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed		
19. Property Held for Future Use			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital		
20. Plant Under Construction			53. Treasury Stock		
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill			54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation			55. Other Capital		
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)			56. Patronage Capital Credits		
24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)			57. Retained Earnings or Margins		
			58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)		
			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)		

Total Equity = 51.43% % of Total Assets

<p>USDA-RUS</p> <p>OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS</p>	<p>BORROWER DESIGNATION</p> <p>KS0537</p>
	<p>PERIOD ENDING</p> <p>December, 2012</p>

INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2

PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS

ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
1. Local Network Services Revenues		
2. Network Access Services Revenues		
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues		
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues		
5. Miscellaneous Revenues		
6. Uncollectible Revenues		
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)		
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense		
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)		
10. Depreciation Expense		
11. Amortization Expense		
12. Customer Operations Expense		
13. Corporate Operations Expense		
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)		
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)		
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses		
17. State and Local Taxes		
18. Federal Income Taxes		
19. Other Taxes		
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)		
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)		
22. Interest on Funded Debt		
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases		
24. Other Interest Expense		
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction		
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)		
27. Nonoperating Net Income		
28. Extraordinary Items		
29. Jurisdictional Differences		
30. Nonregulated Net Income		
31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)		
32. Total Taxes Based on Income		
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year		
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date		
35. Dividends Declared (Common)		
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)		
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date		
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]		
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year		
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired		
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)		
44. Annual Debt Service Payments		
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]		
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]		
47. TIER [(31+26) / 26]		
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]		

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						PERIOD ENDED December, 2012	
INSTRUCTIONS - See RUS Bulletin 1744-2							
Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, & HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION							
EXCHANGE	1. RATES		2. SUBSCRIBERS (ACCESS LINES)			3. ROUTE MILES	
	B-1 (a)	R-1 (b)	BUSINESS (a)	RESIDENTIAL (b)	TOTAL (c)	TOTAL (including fiber) (a)	FIBER (b)
AGRA	19.25	16.75					
ALTON	19.25	16.75					
ATHOL	19.25	16.75					
COLLYER	19.25	16.75					
DAMAR	19.25	16.75					
EDMOND	19.25	16.75					
GALATIA	19.25	16.75					
GAYLORD	19.25	16.75					
GOVE	19.25	16.75					
GRAINFIELD	19.25	16.75					
HILL CITY	19.25	16.75					
JENNINGS	19.25	16.75					
KENSINGTON	19.25	16.75					
LENORA	19.25	16.75					
LOGAN	19.25	16.75					
LONG ISLAND	19.25	16.75					
MORLAND	19.25	16.75					
NATOMA	19.25	16.75					
OLMITZ	19.25	16.75					
PALCO	19.25	16.75					
PRAIRIE VIEW	19.25	16.75					
QUINTER	19.25	16.75					
REXFORD	19.25	16.75					
SELDEN	19.25	16.75					
VICTORIA	19.25	16.75					
WAKEENEY	19.25	16.75					
WOODRUFF	19.25	16.75					
WOODSTON	19.25	16.75					
ZURICH	19.25	16.75					
BURR OAK	28.75	17.80					
COURTLAND	28.75	17.80					
DOWNS	28.75	17.80					
ESBON	28.75	17.80					
IONIA	28.75	17.80					
LEBANON	28.75	17.80					
OSBORNE	26.00	16.25					
REPUBLIC	28.75	17.80					
RUSSELL	28.75	17.80					
WEBBER	28.75	17.80					
Mobile/Wireless					0		
Route Mileage Outside Exchange Area							
Total							
No. Exchanges	39						

USDA-RUS							BORROWER DESIGNATION	
OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS							KS0537	
INSTRUCTIONS - See RUS Bulletin 1744-2							PERIOD ENDED December, 2012	
Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, & HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION								
4. BROADBAND SERVICE								
EXCHANGE	No. Access Lines with BB available (a)	No Of Broadband Subscribers (b)	Number Of Subscribers (c)	Details on Least Expensive Broadband Service				
				Advertised Download Rate (Kbps) (d)	Advertised Upload Rate (Kbps) (e)	Price Per Month (f)	Standalone/Pckg (f)	Type Of Technology (g)
AGRA				1,500	512	19.95	Package	DSL
ALTON				1,500	512	19.95	Package	DSL
ATHOL				1,500	512	19.95	Package	Fiber to the Home
COLLYER				1,500	512	19.95	Package	Fiber to the Home
DAMAR				1,500	512	19.95	Package	Fiber to the Home
EDMOND				1,500	512	19.95	Package	Fiber to the Home
GALATIA				1,500	512	19.95	Package	DSL
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<p align="center">Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, & HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION</p>		
Total		

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PART D. SYSTEM DATA				
1. No. Plant Employees	2. No. Other Employees	3. Square Miles Served	4. Access Lines per Square Mile	5. Subscribers per Route Mile

PART E. TOLL DATA							
1. Study Area ID Code(s) a. 411826 b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____ f. _____ g. _____ h. _____ i. _____ j. _____	2. Types of Toll Settlements (Check one) <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">Interstate:</td> <td style="width: 20%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule</td> <td style="width: 40%;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Intrastate:</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis</td> </tr> </table>	Interstate:	<input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis	Intrastate:	<input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis
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PART F. FUNDS INVESTED IN PLANT DURING YEAR	
1. RUS, RTB, & FFB Loan Funds Expended	
2. Other Long-Term Loan Funds Expended	
3. Funds Expended Under RUS Interim Approval	
4. Other Short-Term Loan Funds Expended	
5. General Funds Expended (Other than Interim)	
6. Salvaged Materials	
7. Contribution in Aid to Construction	
8. Gross Additions to Telecom. Plant (1 thru 7)	

PART G. INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATED COMPANIES					
INVESTMENTS (a)	CURRENT YEAR DATA		CUMULATIVE DATA		
	Investment This Year (b)	Income/Loss This Year (c)	Cumulative Investment To Date (d)	Cumulative Income/Loss To Date (e)	Current Balance (f)
1. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Rural Development					
2. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Nonrural Development					

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PART H. CURRENT DEPRECIATION RATES

Are corporation's depreciation rates approved by the regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the provision of telephone services? (Check one)


☒ YES ☐ NO

EQUIPMENT CATEGORY	DEPRECIATION RATE
1. Land and support assets - Motor Vehicles	
2. Land and support assets - Aircraft	
3. Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles	
4. Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment	23.98%
5. Land and support assets - Buildings	5.02%
6. Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment	16.84%
7. Land and support assets - General purpose computers	18.57%
8. Central Office Switching - Digital	11.58%
9. Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical	
10. Central Office Switching - Operator Systems	
11. Central Office Transmission - Radio Systems	14.28%
12. Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment	16.00%
13. Information origination/termination - Station apparatus	22.18%
14. Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring	
15. Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchanges	
16. Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equipment	19.58%
17. Information origination/termination - Other terminal equipment	
18. Cable and wire facilities - Poles	15.81%
19. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Metal	17.58%
20. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Fiber	17.58%
21. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Metal	5.38%
22. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Fiber	5.38%
23. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Metal	5.68%
24. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Fiber	5.68%
25. Cable and wire facilities - Conduit systems	6.48%
26. Cable and wire facilities - Other	

USDA-RUS		BORROWER DESIGNATION KS0537	
OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS		PERIOD ENDED December, 2012	
INSTRUCTIONS – See help in the online application.			
PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS			
1. Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)		[REDACTED]	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
2. Net Income		[REDACTED]	
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities			
3. Add: Depreciation		[REDACTED]	
4. Add: Amortization		[REDACTED]	
5. Other (Explain) Net Plant Adjustments, Retirements and Salvage		[REDACTED]	
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities			
6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable		[REDACTED]	
7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory		[REDACTED]	
8. Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges		[REDACTED]	
9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets		[REDACTED]	
10. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable		[REDACTED]	
11. Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments		[REDACTED]	
12. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities		[REDACTED]	
13. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations		[REDACTED]	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
14. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable		[REDACTED]	
15. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable		[REDACTED]	
16. Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits		[REDACTED]	
17. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)		[REDACTED]	
18. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits		[REDACTED]	
19. Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital		[REDACTED]	
20. Less: Payment of Dividends		[REDACTED]	
21. Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired		[REDACTED]	
22. Other (Explain) Change in Equity & Retained Capital Credits from Estates and business liquidations as dividends		[REDACTED]	
23. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities		[REDACTED]	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
24. Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)		[REDACTED]	
25. Other Long-Term Investments		[REDACTED]	
26. Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences		[REDACTED]	
27. Other (Explain) Changes in Interest Rec; Accrued Taxes		[REDACTED]	
28. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities		[REDACTED]	
29. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash		[REDACTED]	
30. Ending Cash		[REDACTED]	

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT LETTER

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. and Subsidiary for the year ended December 31, 2012 and have issued our report thereon dated April 26, 2013. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and 7 CFR Part 1773, Policy on Audits of Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Borrowers. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

In planning and performing our audit of the consolidated financial statements of Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. and Subsidiary for the year ended December 31, 2012, we considered their internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the consolidated financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

7 CFR Part 1773.33 requires comments on specific aspects of the internal control over financial reporting, compliance with specific RUS loan and security instrument provisions, and other additional matters. We have grouped our comments accordingly. In addition to obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements, at your request, we performed tests of specific aspects of the internal control over financial reporting, of compliance with specific RUS loan and security instrument provisions, and of additional matters. The specific aspects of the internal control, compliance with specific RUS loan and security instrument provisions, and additional matters tested include, among other things, the accounting procedures and records, materials control, compliance with specific RUS loan and security instrument provisions set forth in 7

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CFR Part 1773.33(e)(2), and related party transactions and investments. In addition, our audit of the consolidated financial statements also included the procedures specified in 7 CFR Part 1773.38-45. Our objective was not to provide an opinion on these specific aspects of the internal control, compliance with specific RUS loan and security instrument provisions, or additional matters, and accordingly, we express no opinion thereon.

No reports (other than our independent auditors' report, and our independent auditors' report on compliance and on internal control over financial reporting, all dated April 26, 2013) or summary of recommendations related to our audit have been furnished to management.

Our comments on specific aspects of the internal control over financial reporting, compliance with specific RUS loan and security instruments provisions, and other additional matters as required by 7 CFR Part 1773.33 are presented below.

COMMENTS ON CERTAIN SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

We noted no matters regarding Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. and Subsidiary's internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a material weakness as previously defined with respect to:

- the accounting procedures and records;
- the process for accumulating and recording labor, material, and overhead costs, and the distribution of these costs to construction, retirement, and maintenance or other expense accounts; and
- the materials control.

COMMENTS ON COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFIC RUS LOAN AND SECURITY INSTRUMENT PROVISIONS

At your request, we have performed the procedures enumerated below with respect to compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. The procedures we performed are summarized as follows:

- Procedures performed with respect to the requirement for a borrower to obtain written approval of the mortgagee to enter into any contract, agreement or lease between the borrower and affiliate of Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. and Subsidiary for the year ended December 31, 2012:
 - During the year ended December 31, 2012, the borrower did not enter into any new written contracts for the operation or maintenance of all or any part of its property, for the use of its property by others, or for services *pertaining* to toll traffic, operator assistance, or switching as defined in §1773.33(e)(2)(i).

**COMMENTS ON COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFIC RUS LOAN
AND SECURITY INSTRUMENT PROVISIONS (CONTINUED)**

- Procedure performed with respect to the requirement to submit the Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers (formerly Form 479) to the RUS are as follows:
 - Agreed amounts reported in Telecom Operating Report to Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc.'s records.

The results of our tests indicate that, with respect to the items tested, Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. and Subsidiary complied, except as noted below, in all material respects, with the specific RUS loan and security instrument provisions referred to below. The specific provisions tested, as well as any exceptions noted, include the requirements that:

- The borrower has obtained written approval of the RUS to enter into any contract, agreement or lease with an affiliate, as defined in 7 CFR Part 1773.33(e)(2)(i). However, during the year ended December 31, 2012, the borrower did not enter into any new contracts as previously defined.
- The borrower has submitted its Telecom Operating Report to the RUS and the Telecom Operating Report, as of December 31, 2012, represented by the borrower as having been submitted to RUS, is in agreement with Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc.'s audit records, in all material respects, and appears reasonable based upon the audit procedures performed.

COMMENTS ON OTHER ADDITIONAL MATTERS

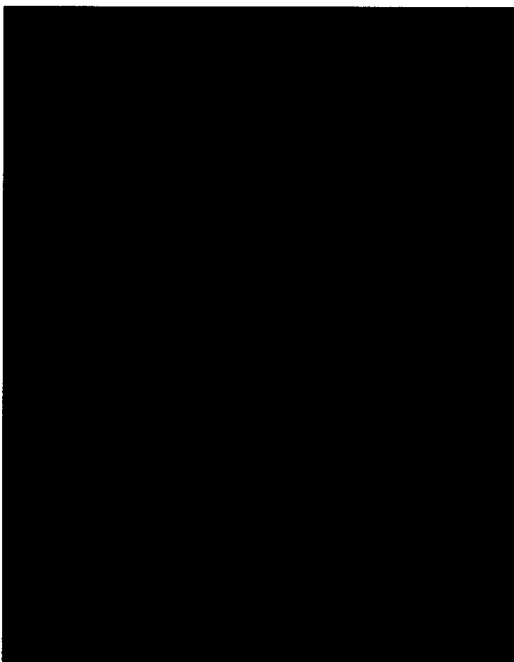
In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements of Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. and Subsidiary, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. and Subsidiary failed to comply with respect to:

- the reconciliation of continuing property records to the controlling general ledger plant accounts addressed at 7 CFR Part 1773.33(c)(1).
- the clearing of construction accounts and the accrual of depreciation on completed construction addressed at 7 CFR Part 1773.33(c)(2);
- the retirement of plant addressed at 7 CFR Parts 1773.33(c)(3) and (4);
- the approval of the sale, lease or transfer of capital assets and disposition of proceeds for the sale or lease of plant, material, or scrap addressed at 7 CFR Part 1773.33(c)(5);
- the disclosure of material related party transactions, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, for the year ended December 31, 2012 in the financial statements referenced in the first paragraph of this report, addressed at 7 CFR Part 1773.33(e); and
- the detailed schedule of investments.

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COMMENTS ON OTHER ADDITIONAL MATTERS (CONTINUED)

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The detailed schedule of investments required by 7 CFR 1773.33(i), and provided below, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. This information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

	<u>Nex-Tech, Inc.</u>	Note Receivable From Nex-Tech Wireless, LLC
Original Investment Cost		
Investment Advances through 12/31/11		
Note Repayments through 12/31/11		
Undistributed Earnings through 12/31/11		
Book Value of Investment as of 12/31/11		
Investment Advances during 2012		
Return of investment during 2012		
Note Repayments during 2012		
Undistributed Earnings (loss) during 2012		
Book Value of Investment as of 12/31/12		
Accumulated losses in excess of original investment		

Nex-Tech, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary providing cable, internet and various other nonregulated telecommunications services. Nex-Tech also sells and installs computer hardware and software.

Nex-Tech Wireless, LLC is an entity formed in 2004 to provide wireless phone service to north central Kansas. This entity is 47.5% owned by Nex-Tech, Inc.

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April 26, 2013